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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Arnett et al.  
Title: SHOCK-RESISTANT AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SEALED CONTAINER  
Appl. No.: 09/689,001  
Appl. Filing Date: 10/12/2000  
Examiner: S. Castellano  
Art Unit: 3727

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<p>March 21, 2006 (Date of Deposit)</p>	

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

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P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:** (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

☐ Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on \_\_\_\_.

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- ☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_\_ but not considered.
- ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on \_\_\_.
- ☐ Other \_\_\_.
- b. Enclosed are:
- ☒ Amendment/Reply.
- ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Form PTO-1449 with copies of \_\_\_ listed reference(s).
- ☐ Other.

## Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$790.00	= \$790.00
Total Claims:	9	- 28	= 0	x \$50.00	= \$0.00
Independents	2	- 7	= 0	x \$200.00	= \$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+ \$360.00	= \$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					= \$790.00

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☒ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

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EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:				\$450.00
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EXTENSION FEE TOTAL				\$450.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:				\$1240.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			\$620.00
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☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0872 in the amount of \$620.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

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☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

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Respectfully submitted,

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